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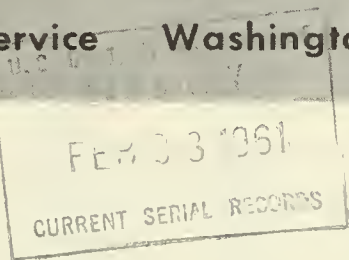
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WORLD MEAT TRADE CONTINUED

TO EXPAND IN 1959

Meat exports from the principal producing countries in 1959 were 9 percent above 1958 and 50 percent above the 1951-55 average.

Continued large imports of meat by Canada, the United States, West Germany, the United Kingdom, and Poland were responsible for most of the gain in the year's trade. The increase in meat exports from Australia, New Zealand, and Brazil more than offset the sharp decline in Argentine exports during the past year. Exports from both Eastern and Western Europe and the U.S.S.R. were higher.

World meat trade in 1960 will be down slightly from the record level of 1959 due to decreased imports by Canada and the United States as production in these countries, particularly beef, will be substantially higher this year.

Imports by the United Kingdom rose slightly during 1959 to 3.4 billion pounds (carcass weight equivalent) and again accounted for over 50 percent of the world's imports. However, their share of total imports during the past few years has been steadily declining as imports by other countries have been increasing, particularly the United States. Imports by Western Europe, including the United Kingdom at 4.3 billion pounds show virtually no change from 1958 but still account for two-thirds of all meat entering world trade.

The highlights of the 1959 world meat trade were the continued large imports by North America, the increasing volume of exports by Oceania,

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MEAT 1/: Principal exporters and importers, average 1951-55,
annual 1958-59 and percent of shipments

	Amount			Percent of total		
	1951-55	1958 <u>2</u> /	1959 <u>2</u> /	1951-55	1958	1959
	Mil.lb.	Mil.lb.	Mil.lb.	Percent	Percent	Percent
Exporting countries:						
Argentina.....	802	1,566	1,210	18.5	26.2	18.6
New Zealand.....	794	931	995	18.3	15.5	15.3
Denmark.....	772	917	920	17.8	15.3	14.1
Australia.....	471	599	868	10.9	10.0	13.3
Netherlands.....	271	336	370	6.2	5.6	5.7
Poland.....	171	215	230	3.9	3.6	3.5
Brazil.....	17	128	223	.4	2.1	3.4
Ireland.....	158	201	191	3.6	3.4	2.9
France.....	127	113	181	2.9	1.9	2.8
Yugoslavia.....	22	110	159	.5	1.8	2.4
United States.....	140	101	117	3.2	1.7	1.8
Canada.....	106	135	107	2.4	2.3	1.6
Others.....	495	636	949	11.4	10.6	14.6
Total.....	4,346	5,988	6,520	100.0	100.0	100.0
Importing countries:						
United Kingdom.....	2,743	3,341	3,357	59.0	52.0	51.4
United States.....	467	1,126	1,306	10.1	17.5	20.0
Italy.....	84	333	312	1.8	5.2	4.8
West Germany.....	39	193	290	.9	3.0	4.4
East Germany.....	155	139	<u>3</u> / 139	3.3	2.2	2.1
Poland.....	1	35	110	---	.6	1.7
France.....	127	112	94	2.7	1.7	1.4
Canada.....	106	81	88	2.3	1.3	1.3
Belgium-Luxembourg.....	25	60	53	.5	.9	0.8
Others.....	903	1,004	788	19.4	15.6	12.1
Total.....	4,650	6,424	6,538	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ All meats converted to carcass weight equivalent--includes beef and veal, pork mutton and lamb, goat and horsemeat, except live animals, edible variety meat, lard, rabbit and poultry meat. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Estimated.

and the sharp reduction in exports by South America.

During 1959 all of the North and Central American countries increased the volume of meat they imported except Mexico and the Dominican Republic. U.S. imports rose to 1.3 billion pounds, a 16-percent increase over 1958 and 180 percent over the 1951-55 average. Imports by Canada and Cuba were also higher for the year. Exports by the United States, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic were up while Canadian and Mexican exports declined. Mexico, in an attempt to hold down consumer prices, has established cattle and beef export quotas.

Exports from Australia and New Zealand continued higher in 1959. The continued short supply of manufacturing-type meat in the United States, mainly boneless beef and mutton, was a stimulating factor in this increased trade. Due to the heavy cattle slaughter in the previous season (July-June) and strong consumer demand, Australian exports of beef for 1959-60 will be down. New Zealand, however, is continuing to develop new markets for its beef, lamb, and mutton and exports during the 1959-60 season will be higher.

South American exports at 1.6 billion pounds were 14 percent below 1958 but 58 percent above the 1951-55 average. Exports from Argentina declined 23 percent during the year as cattle slaughter was reduced in an attempt to rebuild cattle herds. Argentina is still the world's largest exporter of meat and its share of the world trade in 1959 was about the same percentagewise as during the period 1951-55 but substantially below the level of 1958 when Argentine shipments accounted for over 26 percent of total world exports. Exports from Brazil and Uruguay were up 74 and 38 percent, respectively, during the year to offset partially the decline in Argentine exports. Shipments by Uruguay during the first half of 1960 have been quite high particularly shipments to the United Kingdom. Total exports in 1960 will probably be above 1959. The Brazilian Government is again issuing export licenses and 1960 exports should again increase.

Higher U.K. beef prices have stimulated exports from Uruguay and Brazil as supplies from Argentina, the United Kingdom's major source of chilled beef, have been reduced.

Exports from Western Europe--mainly pork--continued their steady climb, increasing 6 percent during the year. Heavy cattle slaughterings by France, due to a severe drought, and the recovery of pork exports from the Netherlands account for most of this increase. Poland in addition to being a large importer also exported large quantities of meat, especially pork, and along with Yugoslavia were responsible for most of the gain in Eastern Europe.

With imports down 29 percent and exports up by 388 percent during 1959, the results of the Soviet Union's attempts to increase livestock production are apparent. Meat production on collective farms in the first half of 1960 is reported to have increased 19 percent over the same period of 1959 and further gains in meat production and trade can be

Meat 1/: International trade, selected countries, average 1951-55, annual 1957-59

Continent and country	Average		1957		1958 2/		1959 2/		Percent change			
	1951-55								1959		1959	
									1951-55		1958	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds				
North America:												
Canada.....	106,356	53,755	99,298	66,523	134,707	81,290	106,714	87,835	---	+63	-21	+8
Mexico.....	67,739	1,476	31,918	7,295	107,846	7,010	71,004	5,413	+5	+267	-34	-23
United States.....	139,979	466,696	201,184	543,128	100,675	1,126,115	117,066	1,306,039	-16	+180	+16	+16
Cuba.....	41	32,472	---	33,995	1,200	33,551	2,425	43,325	+5,815	+33	+102	+29
Honduras.....	---	372	---	185	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dominican Republic..	3,500	785	1,122	1,293	4,432	1,329	5,592	1,092	+60	+39	+26	-18
Total North America 3/.....	317,615	555,556	333,522	652,419	348,860	1,249,439	302,861	1,444,004	-5	-74	-14	+16
South America:												
Argentina.....	801,912	---	1,484,573	---	1,565,848	---	1,210,000	---	+50	---	-23	---
Brazil.....	17,015	8,200	71,896	73	128,015	18	222,919	---	+1,210	---	+74	---
Chile.....	1,706	5,463	5,335	5,977	5,295	2,477	---	---	+258	-39	+15	+35
Paraguay.....	22,599	---	39,760	---	34,179	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peru.....	---	15,286	---	14,513	---	11,534	---	15,496	---	+2	---	+34
Uruguay.....	136,204	---	132,337	---	55,409	---	76,634	---	-44	---	+38	---
Venezuela.....	---	13,497	---	18,537	---	20,210	---	---	---	---	---	+83
Total South America 3/.....	979,436	42,446	1,733,901	39,100	1,788,746	34,239	1,550,653	55,851	+58	+32	-14	+63
Europe:												
Austria.....	3,014	6,899	1,468	7,304	688	6,341	1,681	9,029	-54	+31	+144	+42
Belgium-Luxembourg..	24,528	41,663	18,324	59,639	40,792	60,000	39,092	52,983	+59	+27	-4	-12
Denmark.....	772,194	675	916,308	714	917,156	---	919,839	---	+20	---	---	---
Finland.....	3,433	4/ 2,239	2,498	---	5,512	220	4,630	441	+35	-80	-16	+100
France.....	126,665	73,410	115,749	112,776	112,994	112,375	180,807	93,486	+43	+27	+60	-17
Germany, West.....	38,988	129,343	37,073	232,561	51,224	192,867	52,047	290,182	+33	+124	+2	+50
Greece.....	---	11,019	---	29,939	---	45,804	---	41,911	---	+280	---	-8
Iceland.....	805	116	5,562	---	7,070	---	6,545	---	+713	---	-7	---
Ireland.....	157,939	---	151,609	---	201,290	---	190,566	---	+21	---	-5	---
Italy.....	13,253	83,534	23,013	246,765	13,365	332,518	14,910	311,931	+13	+273	+12	-6
Netherlands.....	270,871	36,319	369,105	45,545	335,699	43,604	370,647	48,712	+37	+34	+10	+12
Norway.....	4,231	1,046	3,894	2,102	2,647	16,941	670	8,570	-84	+719	-75	-49
Portugal.....	5,599	1,651	3,489	11,748	3,777	10,963	3,443	---	-39	---	-9	---
Spain.....	395	12,440	138	65,949	891	68,620	994	31,331	+152	+152	+12	-54
Sweden.....	11,191	34,386	28,452	65,734	63,626	59,219	83,712	33,184	+648	-3	+32	-44
Switzerland.....	677	18,389	296	26,743	200	36,023	210	44,901	-69	+144	+5	+25
United Kingdom.....	---	2,742,736	---	3,513,449	---	3,341,393	---	3,357,438	---	+22	---	---
Total West Europe 3/.....	1,433,783	3,195,865	1,676,978	4,420,968	1,756,931	4,326,888	1,869,793	4,330,599	+30	+36	+6	---
East Europe:												
Bulgaria.....	4/ 38,330	4/ 151	26,887	---	40,589	---	47,015	---	+23	---	+16	---
Czechoslovakia 5/.....	4/ 2,392	4/ 65,467	3,121	22,046	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Germany, East 5/.....	---	155,160	---	251,765	---	139,110	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hungary.....	38,761	8,260	37,552	24,853	48,337	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Poland.....	171,134	3/ 888	216,651	15,894	215,387	34,914	230,274	110,240	+35	+12,314	+7	+216
Romania 5/.....	396	320	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Yugoslavia.....	21,920	---	97,299	278	110,244	7,169	158,718	752	+624	+752	+44	-90
Total East Europe.....	272,933	230,246	386,581	314,836	422,957	216,193	492,507	282,992	+80	+23	+16	+31
Total Europe 3/.....	1,706,716	3,426,111	2,063,559	4,735,804	2,179,888	4,543,081	2,362,300	4,613,591	+38	+35	+8	+2
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia 6/.....)												
	4/ 24,874	4/ 543,862	175,110	287,721	79,266	426,792	386,943	301,804	+1,456	-45	+388	-29
Africa:												
Malgache.....	12,259	---	8,554	---	9,098	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rhodesia and Nyasaland.....	16,380	6,610	9,495	14,232	13,451	10,021	---	---	---	---	---	---
Union of South Africa.....	22,985	11,532	34,961	7,905	37,253	15,083	29,004	9,737	---	---	---	---
Total Africa 3/.....	51,624	18,142	53,010	22,137	59,802	25,104	52,004	18,737	+1	+3	-13	-25
Asia:												
Israel.....	---	20,799	---	23,016	---	29,572	---	---	---	---	---	---
Japan.....	347	1,654	519	50,408	695	11,117	763	15,933	+120	+863	+10	+43
Malaya.....	660	20,441	746	20,963	798	21,721	890	15,145	+35	-26	+12	-30
Philippines.....	---	21,889	---	48,469	---	82,417	---	43,500	---	+99	---	-47
Total Asia 3/.....	1,007	64,783	1,265	142,856	1,493	144,827	1,653	104,578	+64	+61	+11	-28
Oceania:												
Australia 6/.....	471,166	---	572,323	---	598,727	---	867,480	---	+84	---	+45	---
New Zealand.....	793,907	---	877,820	---	931,030	---	994,652	---	+25	---	+7	---
Total Oceania.....	1,265,073	---	1,450,143	---	1,529,757	---	1,862,132	---	+47	---	+22	---
Total World 3/.....	4,346,345	4,650,900	5,810,510	5,880,037	5,987,812	6,423,482	6,518,546	6,538,565	+50	+41	+9	+2

1/ All meats converted to carcass weight equivalent--includes beef and veal, pork, mutton and lamb, goat and horse meat; excludes live animals, edible variety meat, lard, rabbit and poultry meat. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Includes allowance for any missing data for countries shown. 4/ Less than a 5-year average. 5/ Probably includes variety meats, game and poultry. 6/ Year ending June 30.

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MEAT 1/: Net trade, leading countries, 1951-55, annual 1958 and 1959

Areas and countries	Net exports			Net imports		
	Average			Average		
	:1951-55	:1958 2/	:1959 2/	:1951-55	:1958 2/	:1959 2/
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
North America:						
Canada.....	53	54	19			
Cuba.....				32	33	41
Mexico.....	66	101	66			
United States.....				327	120	1,189
Total North America...				238	900	1,141
South America:						
Argentina.....	802	1,566	1,210			
Brazil.....	9	128	223			
Paraguay.....	23	34				
Uruguay.....	136	55	77			
Venezuela.....				13	20	
Total South America...	937	1,755	1,495			
Western Europe:						
Belgium-Luxembourg.....				17	19	14
Denmark.....	772	917	920			
France.....	53	1	87			
Germany, West.....				90	142	238
Greece.....				11	46	42
Ireland.....	158	201	191			
Italy.....				70	319	297
Netherlands.....	235	292	322			
Spain.....				12	68	30
Sweden.....		4	51	23		
Switzerland.....				18	36	45
United Kingdom.....				2,743	3,341	3,357
Total West Europe....				1,762	2,570	2,461
Eastern Europe:						
Bulgaria.....	38	41	47			
Czechoslovakia.....				63		
Germany, East.....				155	139	
Hungary.....	31	28				
Poland.....	170	181	120			
Yugoslavia.....	22	103	158			
Total East Europe....	43	207	209			
Total Europe.....				1,719	2,363	2,252
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia):			85	519	348	
Africa:						
Union of South Africa...	11	22	19			
Total Africa.....	33	35	33			
Asia:						
Israel.....				21	30	
Philippines.....				22	82	44
Total Asia.....				64	143	103
Oceania:						
Australia.....	471	599	867			
New Zealand.....	794	931	995			
Total Oceania.....	1,265	1,530	1,862			

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expected. This was the first year that the U.S.S.R. has been a net exporter of meat with most of its exports going to countries within the Soviet Bloc.

Imports of the Philippine Republic and Malaya declined sharply during the year while Japan's imports rose 43 percent from the 1958 level as a result of a shortage in Japan's domestic supplies.

Exports from the Union of South Africa declined 13 percent from the 1958 level, a year of record slaughtering.



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